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## MAYOR JERRY SANDERS MEDIA STATEMENT

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San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders issued the following statement today in response to the announcement by Sheriff Bill Kolender that he is retiring:

"Bill Kolender is simply one of the finest public officials this region has ever seen. Always a statesman, he has taken great pride in serving his community and was an exceptional role model for thousands of law enforcement officers like myself who were fortunate enough to serve under him. He is an innovative leader who was an early champion of community policing and was at the forefront of bringing diversity to the ranks of both the police and sheriff's departments. Our city, county and state owe Bill Kolender an enormous debt of gratitude."

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